

21 December 1959

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT: Activities Report for Operations Branch -  
14 December Thru 20 December 1959

1. CHALICE Section

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a. Maintained continued [ ] weather alerts. Adverse weather precluded any mission alerts for the period.

b. Headquarters placed on two standby alerts for [ ] missions. The alerts were cancelled due to cessation of activity.

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c. Alerted for [ ] CHALICE Middle East missions. Alerts cancelled due to weather.

d. Completed ferry operation of #355 and #349.

e. Presented combination Air Support - CHALICE briefing to

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f. Received notification that two aircraft at [ ] (344 and 367) are now configured for [ ] missions.

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g. [ ] notified of stand down on 21 and 22 December due to visitors in area. Also received notification of [ ] stand down for period 24 - 29 December.

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h. Sent notification to [ ] of our intent to stand down on 25 December except in case of urgent requirement.

i. Pending Actions

(1) Two Mid East missions.

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(2) [ ]

2. CORONA Section: Next launch still scheduled on 12 January.

3. Intelligence Section

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A. Attended two ARC meetings to consider highest priority requirements for next penetration mission. Associated subjects concerned consultant clearances, moratorium on Talent clearances, and clearance of [ ] for Talent. In addition, discussions were conducted

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re: continued requirement for "Operation [ ] in light of recent accomplishments (8005) and possibly imminent approval for another over-flight activity. Consensus of community was a recommended stand down of [ ] for indefinite period to minimize potential jeopardy of primary

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CHALICE objective. It was also agreed that the search concept regarding ICBM deployment be shelved until such time as 8005 has been fully exploited and the projected Sary Shagan mission accomplished, if feasible.

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d. Plotted, prepared briefing aids, briefed [REDACTED] activities for the period.

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e. Trained Intelligence Assistant [REDACTED] for job at Detachment C.

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f. Completed post-mission briefing aid for 8005.

4. Operations Requirements Section

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a. In consultation with Mr. Reber, discussed project requirements for Agency use of [REDACTED]

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b. [REDACTED] was TDY to Eglin AFB from 14 to 16 December for the purpose of reviewing the [REDACTED]

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d. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: Homer Beacon  
Date: 15 December 1959  
Action: Chief, Development Branch

(2) Subject: C-130-B Requirements  
Date: 25 November 1959  
Action: Chief, Developments Branch

25X1A (3) Subject: [redacted] Projected Requirements  
Date: 17 December 1959  
Action: DD/P

25X1A (4) Subject: [redacted]  
Date: 17 December 1959  
Action: DD/P

(5) Subject: X-15 Suit Helmet  
Date: 15 November 1959  
Action: [redacted]

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25X1A (6) Subject: [redacted]  
Date: 27 October 1959  
Action: Chief, Development Branch

5. Weather Section

a. Climatology charts for China for the months of January, April, July and October were prepared for possible CHALICE operations..

6. Communications Section

A. The Communications Section continued routine support to all DPD activities.

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25X1C c. Arrangements were made to install a complete radio teletype station [redacted] The completed installation can be used by Air Operations and by Detachment "C" staging parties.

7. Air Support Section

a. Prepared, coordinated, and disseminated to the Field revised instructions for December [redacted] operations.

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25X1A b. Two [ ] missions successfully completed [ ]  
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c. Reviewed [ ] Project Plan at regular Wednesday meeting with NE. Recommended it be forwarded through official channels for approval.

d. Prepared a special paper from standpoint of operations justifying return of C-118 to Wiesbaden versus retention in the ZI.

e. Coordinated arrival of National Guard students (having completed Agency Air Operations Course) [ ] and debriefed all personnel prior to their return to former stations.

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f. Met with Mr. J. A. Cunningham and [ ] reference [ ] budget matters, it was decided not to perform maintenance (in the estimated amount of [ ] per aircraft) on the [ ]

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g. Pending Actions

25X1A (1) Subject: [ ] Recruiting Letter 25X1A  
Date: 29 October 1959  
Actionee: Acting Chief, DPD

25X1A (2) Subject: [ ] Operations Plan  
Date: 25 November 1959  
Actionee: Chief, Operations Branch, DPD

25X1A (3) Subject: Request for [ ] Replacement  
Date: 9 November 1959  
Actionee: DPD/Personnel

25X1A (4) Subject: [ ] Extension  
Date: 27 November 1959  
Actionee: MMPD

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CURRENT AND PROPOSED OPERATIONS

OPERATION	AREA	DATE	USAF-AGENCY	STATE
1. CHALICE	25X1D			
2. Middle East Missions (photo)			Approved	Approved
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			Approved	Approved
3. CORONA		12 January 1960	Pending	Pending
4. AIR SUPPORT				
	January		Approved	Approved
	January		Approved	Approved
	Continuing basis		Pending	Not presented
	Continuing basis		Pending	"
	December		Approved	Approved
4.	Mid 1960		Pending	Pending

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